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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Marc WALLOIS, Frederic HOCHEDÉZ, Eric VALADE  
A METHOD OF SYNCHRONIZING DATA ON A SERIAL LINK  
Assignee: ALCATEL  
Our Ref. Q67908

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 14 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract and, 3 sheets of drawings. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date. Also enclosed is the Preliminary Amendment.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	23	-	20	=	3	x	\$18.00	=	\$54.00
Independent claims	2	-	3	=		x	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee									\$740.00

**TOTAL FEE** **\$794.00**

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$794.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

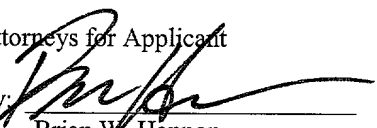
Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
France	0100002	January 2, 2001

The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
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